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Mr. Barry Gray
WMCA Radio
415 Madison Avenue
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Dear Barry,

Your fairness and impartiality in giving a hearing to all schools of opinion on the Warren Report cannot be challenged. The hospitality you have extended to various critics of the Warren Report, and your unfailing courtesy and cordiality toward me personally, leave no room for doubt on that score. For this very reason, I was greatly disturbed last night as I listened to Jim Bishop.

Mr. Bishop demonstrated his ignorance, lack of scholarship, and utter lack of objectivity by repeatedly misstating and misrepresenting the official evidence, as published by the Warren Commission, and on top of that he embellished that record by a wholly fictitious and utterly false rendition of a dialogue between Tippit and Oswald, without even identifying it as his belief or theory. He did not confront or refute a single one of the many arguments against the Warren Report published by the authentic critics; and his mere personal assertion that Oswald was the lone assassin can have no value whatsoever in the absence of so indispensable and elementary an intellectual obligation as the accurate statement and valid refutation of the critics' arguments.

Your own comment, to the effect that the critics have maintained silence on the question of Oswald's alleged implication in the murder of J.D. Tippit, was also unintentionally misleading. I have dealt fully with that very question in a major section of my book, Accessories After the Fact (Bobbs-Merrill, 1967), a copy of which was sent to you in advance of publication, and concluded that Oswald was not proven guilty of the Tippit murder and that the evidence strongly suggests his innocence of that crime as well as his innocence in the assassination of the President.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Bishop appeared as the sole guest, without a critic present to expose his incredible and breathtaking inaccuracies and slanting of the evidence. Take, for example, his unashamed contention that Marina Oswald locked Oswald into a bathroom for some hours: Did you ever try to lock anyone other than yourself into a bathroom? Can Bishop defend that absurd statement? Sanitary engineers have contributed to civilization the facility of an individual to lock himself in a bathroom, but not anyone other than himself. If you would be willing to provide me with a tape or transcript of Mr. Bishop's statements, I will take them one by one and prove, with chapter and verse, his total, continuous, and shocking misrepresentation of the evidence and the facts.

My credentials as an expert on the subject of the Warren Report, if they are needed, are indicated in the enclosed excerpts from reviews of my book. But my credentials in terms of scrupulous adherence to truth and denunciation of falsehood, whether it issues from the authors and apologists for the Warren Report or from those who challenge it, should be apparent to you from personal experience. I refer to my telephone call to you in June to alert you to an irresponsible and false allegation that Robert Kennedy had sent emissaries to the New Orleans district attorney to assure him of his support and agreement -- a lie which I subsequently denounced as cheap and unconscionable in a published article, even though it was seemingly advantageous to my position on the Report.

Letter to Barry Gray -

Not sent

After phone call from
Judith Morris

10/20/68 11 pm.

(He promised call his
attention to question
of Cocking someone
into a bathroom)